Amendment in resp. to O.A. dtd. 6-29-99 Ser. No. 09/017,391 filed 2/2/98 LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT LETTER INPUT BY MEANS OF NUMBER KEYS

terminal of a cellular radio system, the portable terminal having a <u>numeric</u> keypad (100, 300), characterised in that it comprises [stages wherein] the steps of:

[- information is produced]

- (a) producing information (200) concerning which set of the possible characters entered as push-button commands is in use [and];
- [-] (b) associating each key in the <u>numeric</u> keypad [is associated] with a certain subset of characters belonging to the selected set of characters;
- (c) selecting a key associated with the desired subset of characters; and
- (d) pressing the key successively until the desired character is produced.

10. (Amended) [An apparatus] A portable terminal of a cellular radio system equipped with a keypad (300) and including an electronic circuit (301) for converting presses of numeric keys into character inputs, characterised in that it comprises in connection with the electronic circuit a memory element (302) which includes a certain part (302a) for storing information indicating which set of the possible characters entered as successive push-button commands is in use as well as character set tables (302b-n) for selectively associating certain characters with each key on the basis of the information in said part (302a).

<u>REMARKS</u>

The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 29, 1999. Claims 1-10 remain in the application and all stand rejected. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended in order to more accurately define the invention which applicant seeks to